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Reference: *155th Grand Lodge Convention – Saint Louis, MO - June 30-July 3, 2019*

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations and **returning the forms immediately** with the full payment required. Please note that **all major credit cards may be used to charge room deposits**. You can pay all items by check. Forms may be e-mailed to lschaefer@chea-elks.org. **Please note:** We have been given a limited number of rooms and we are giving you this information early in order to ensure that we have a room for you.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS, MO

Where are we staying and how much will it cost?

We are staying at the Marriott St. Louis Grand, 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63101 (314) 418-5901. The room rate is \$135.58 per night including taxes. There is no additional charge for extra guests in a room up to a total of four. Be sure to send a credit card number or one night deposit with your room request. It is always easier to take a day off of your stay than to add one on. If you have any problems, let me know. **Be sure to put an e-mail address on the registration form. This is the only way that the hotel will send out a confirmation notice for your room.** If your arrival or departure date changes, let Larry Schaefer at the CHEA office know right away and he will do his best to accommodate your needs. He may be reached at 559-255-4531. If you fail to arrive on the listed arrival date, you will be charged for one night and lose your room.

What about travel arrangements?

If you fly:

You can book through the internet. Please see the attached discount sheet from Grand Lodge. Shuttle service from the airport to the hotel is available for \$25.00 per person. Taxi service is available and the cost is estimated to be \$25.00- \$40.00 per carload. Lyft and Uber are available.

Car Rental?

Again I suggest that you get on the internet and find the best deal. Normally Dollar or Budget have good rates. It seems that there is little competition between companies.

Parking?

Both self-parking and valet parking are available. Self-parking is a discounted rate of \$14.00 per day and valet parking is \$38.00 per day at the Marriott St. Louis Grand.

When should you arrive?

We suggest that you plan to arrive on Saturday, June 29th. This will give you an opportunity to get settled in and see the town. The Opening Ceremonies are on Sunday afternoon, June 30th and checking in on that day may present a problem. We also suggest that you plan on staying over until Thursday, July 4th in order to avoid the rush. If you must leave on Wednesday, be sure to book your flight late enough so that you can stay through the closing ceremonies. You can store your luggage with the Bell Desk or arrange for a late checkout. We will also have a place designated in the lobby (still in negotiations) to leave your luggage until you leave for the airport. I have found over the years that you will be quite busy at the convention and Wednesday afternoon will be a great time to see the sites and relax before going home.

How close are we to the Convention Center?

The America's Center Convention Complex is directly across the street from the Marriott Grand St. Louis. Sunday afternoon Opening Ceremonies, Daily Business, and Closing sessions will take place in the America's Center and shuttle service will be provided.

What functions are planned for the convention and how much will they cost?

1. Sunday Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service (3:00 p.m.) at the convention center
2. A Celebration will follow the Opening Ceremony offering free entertainment plus food and drinks for purchase.
3. Registration and exhibits will be set up at the convention center
4. Ritual Contest will be set up at the convention center
5. District Deputy-Designates Conference will be held at the convention center on Monday, July 1st at 1:00 p.m.
6. The Pacific Southwest Reception and the Exalted Ruler's Ball will not be held this year but may return in the future.
7. Transportation will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions from hotels in the Grand Lodge block.

These events are subject to change and the times may be a little off. Be sure to check the Elks Magazine June issue for exact information. You will also be receiving a program of events when you register. The badge(s) you receive at registration, which is \$60 (including spouse), in St. Louis is your ticket for admission to all events and meetings with the exception of the GER-Elect Reception on Monday. Preregistration is available on elks.org for \$50.

Is there anything else to do while we are in St. Louis?

There is much to do in St. Louis. The St Louis Gateway Arch, City Museum, Busch Stadium and World Aquarium, a Riverboat Ride, lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and plentiful shopping.

What do I do if I need assistance due to disability?

If you need assistance due to disability, please submit a letter describing the type of assistance that is needed. This letter should be attached to your room reservation request. I will pass this information along to the Grand Lodge National Convention Office. Wheelchairs and scooters may be rented from Med X Change, LLC. They may be reached at (636) 949-5660 and work with many guests at the Marriott Grand St. Louis.

What about smoking at the hotel?

The Marriott St. Louis Grand is a no smoking facility.

What to do if there is a problem?

I will be in the Marriott Grand St. Louis beginning on Tuesday, June 25th if you need to reach me please feel free to contact me at (951)203-8668. The concierge desk is located in the lobby of the hotel and is very able in assisting guests of the hotel.

Anything else I should know?

All rooms have refrigerators, hair dryers, irons and coffee pots. The food in the hotel is excellent and reasonable.

If you have other Elks that wish to attend the convention, registration forms are available on the CHEA website (chea-elks.org). We try to get all of the Elks from each district located on the same floor. Reservations received after June 1, 2019 will be accepted based on availability at the convention rate.

This is going to be a great convention that you will not soon forget. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (951)203-8668. I hope that we will be able to address all of your needs and make St. Louis a great experience for all attending

Fraternally,



Cliff Wadley
Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

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Enclosures: *Room Reservation Form*
Map of St. Louis Area
Grand Lodge Travel Discounts

155th GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
 JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2019 ~ ST. LOUIS, MO



Name _____ Title _____

Home Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Lodge Name & Number _____ District _____

ROOM RESERVATION ~ MARRIOTT ST. LOUIS GRAND

_____ **Regular Room \$135.58**

Number of People: _____ Arrival Date: _____

Number of Beds (1 or 2): _____ Departure Date: _____

Special Requirements: _____ Disabled _____ Other: _____

RESERVATION CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED BY HOTEL ONLY.

ROOM PAYMENT ~

ROOM DEPOSIT OF _____ \$135.58

***ROOM TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____**

Check _____ or Credit Card – American Express _____ Discover _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____

Card Billing Address: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

RECEPTION HONORING GRAND EXALTED RULER-ELECT ROBERT L. AND BETH DUITSMAN

The California-Hawaii Elks Association has made arrangements for a premier cocktail party and reception to be held in their honor on Monday evening, July 1, 2019 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand, St. Louis, MO. Invitations to the hosted reception will be sent to everyone who purchased Bob Duitsman's donor pin which comes in the form of a lapel pin or pendant/charm. The cost is \$100.00 for the lapel pin or pendant and \$150.00 for the pin and pendant.



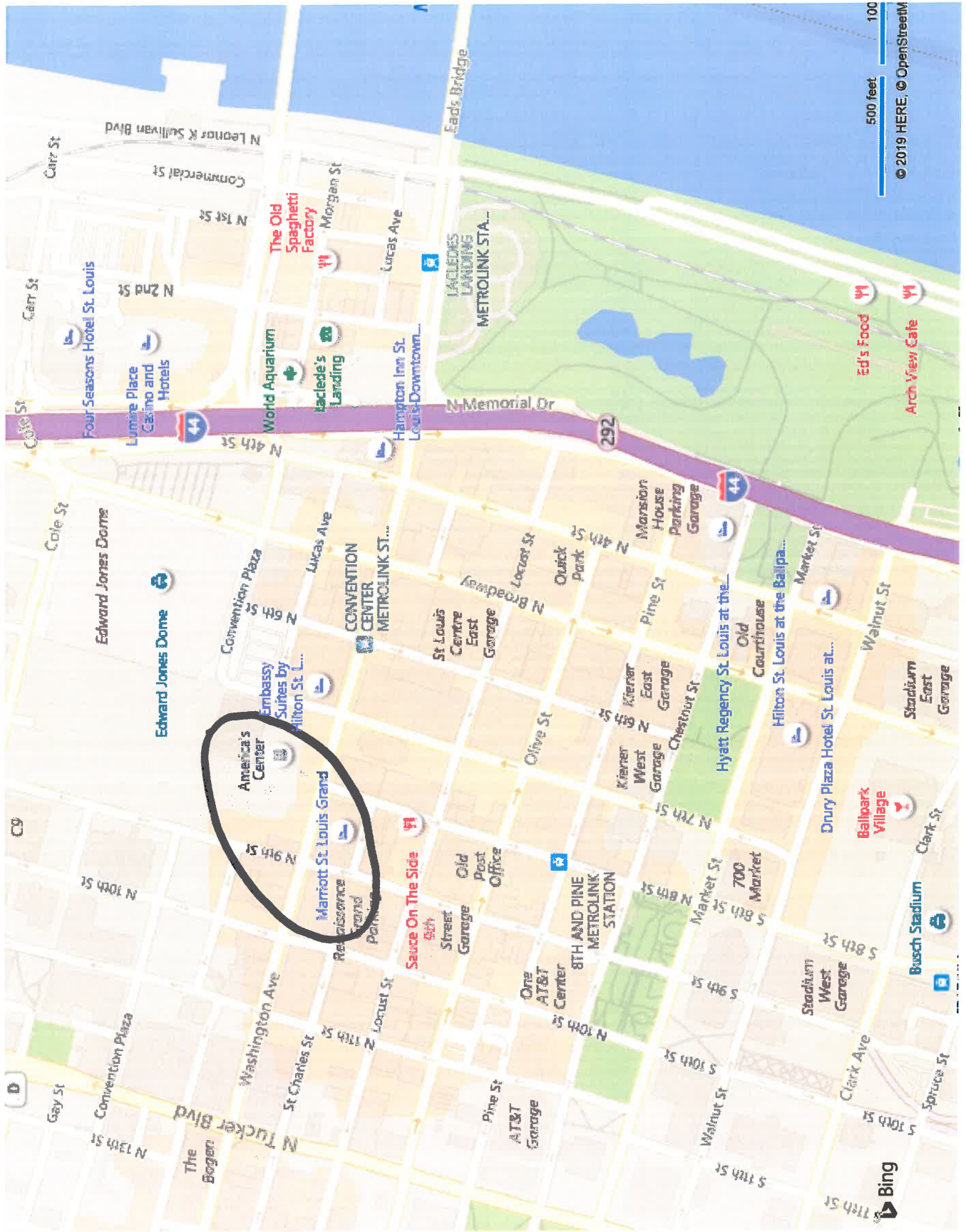
As the Pacific Southwest Reception and the Exalted Ruler's Ball will not be held in St. Louis this year, we encourage your lodge to purchase the donor pin and/or pin and pendant for your Exalted Ruler and guest so as not to miss this gala event. They can be purchased from your current CHEA District Vice President or include a check (payable to CHEA) or credit card information and the pins will be mailed to you. The recommended dress for this reception is business attire.

Check Enclosed Please use the credit card above Pin \$100 Pendant \$100 Pin & Pendant \$150

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHEA OFFICE IN FRESNO NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th

1. THIS FORM
2. YOUR CHECK

St. Louis Convention Area



St. Louis



JULY 2019

Preferred Travel Carriers

UNITED Offer Code # ZGF6725798

You may book online at www.united.com under the all search options and enter your Offer Code **ZGF6725798** in the Offer Code box when searching for flights. If booking through a travel professional or United Meetings at 800-426-1122, please give them the following information Z Code # ZGF6 Agreement Code 725798. Outside of the United States, please call your local United Airlines Reservation Office. Experience dependable, first-rate service and earn miles in MileagePlus®, United's award-winning frequent flyer program. To enroll in MileagePlus®, log on to www.united.com

Delta Meeting Code: NY2P2

Delta Air Lines is offering discounts. Discounts vary depending on the cabin and available airfare level. Take additional benefit of gaining Delta Sky Mile frequent flyer bonus miles. The applicable discount will automatically apply – convenient and fast. **Be sure to have your Delta Sky Miles Frequent Flyer number handy so you can store it while you are making your reservation to get the bonus frequent flyer miles too.** Or call Delta Meeting Network Reservations at 800-328-1111 and give them the Meeting Code.

Southwest SWABIZ CID # 99219886

You may book online at <http://www.swabiz.com/flight/search-flight.html?cid=99219886> Discount percentage up to 12% on select Business Select, 10% on select Anytime Airfare Classes and 3% on select Wanna-Get Away Fares to and from St. Louis. Booking Dates: 01/15/2019 – 06/06/2019 ~ Travel Dates 06/20/2019 – 07/13/2019. Bonus Rapid Reward Points on all Southwest Airlines operated flights booked through SWABIZ with your Rapid Rewards account# added to the reservation. 25 % earning bonus on each segment flown. Sign up for Rapid Reward at www.southwest.com/corporaterapidrewards.

AVIS We try harder. **Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) # D529399**

For Reservations call the Avis Meeting Sales Desk at 1-800-331-1600. Special rates are guaranteed and available from one week before, through one week after the meeting dates, subject to car availability. Standard rental conditions and qualifications apply, including minimum rental age. Check with your Avis representative for further details.

Budget Budget Discount BCD# R198106

For Reservations call the Budget Desk at 1-800-455-2848. Special rates are guaranteed and available from one week before, through one week after the meeting dates, subject to car availability. Standard rental conditions and qualifications apply, including minimum rental age. Check with your Budget representative for further details.